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RHODESIA AT DAR ES SALAAM PRESS CONFERENCE

PATRIOTIC FRONT CO-LEADER AND ZANU SECRETARY-GENERAL ROBERT MUGABE
HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 12 AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN DAR ES SALAAM.
FOLLOWING ARE MAJOR POINTS HE RAISED AS REPORTED BY TANZANIA
MEDIA.

--SITHOLE'S RETURN TO RHODESIA WAS PART OF AN IMPERIALIST DEAL
TO INSTALL A PUPPET REGIME WHICH WOULD INCLUDE IAN SMITH. SITHOLE
"HAS WRITTEN HIMSELF OFF BY MAKING A BIG BLUNDER" BY RETURNING
HOME WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF BOERS AND SMITH.

--THE IMPERIALIST STRATEGY WOULD BE TO PORTRAY SUCH A REGIME
AS REPRESENTING THE MAJORITY. BRITISH WOULD THEN TRY TO SELL
THE IDEA TO THE FRONT LINE STATES AND ALL AFRICA. THE PATRIOTIC
FRONT WOULD OPPOSE SUCH A MOVE AND WOULD FIGHT AGAINST THE REGIME.

--THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WAS NOT OPPOSED TO DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS
"WHICH WE WOQLD EASILY WIN."

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--THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WAS SUSPICIOUS AND DOUBTFUL OF UK-US
INITIATIVES. THE FRONT WOULD LISTEN TO UK AND US BUT WOULD
CONTINUE FIGHTING.

--ZANU AND ZAPU WERE COMMITTED TO THE COMPLETE MERGER OF THEIR
FIGHTING FORCES. THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE PATRIOTIC
FRONT HAD VISITED BOTH ZANU AND ZAPU CAMPS AND HAD COME UP WITH
POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON JOINT TRAINING AND FIGHTING.

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